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A CONCURRENT MEMORIAL

URGING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO AUTHORIZE THE STATE OF ARIZONA TO IMPLEMENT  
THE ARIZONA TEMPORARY WORKER PROGRAM.

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1 To the Congress of the United States of America:

2 Your memorialist respectfully represents:

3 Whereas, employers in the State of Arizona have a need for workers that  
4 is unmet by the local available labor force; and

5 Whereas, the need for additional workers occurs in industries that are  
6 important to the economic welfare of the state, in particular the agriculture  
7 and dairy industries; and

8 Whereas, the State of Arizona has historically used legal workers in  
9 the agriculture industry; and

10 Whereas, the State of Arizona has experienced phenomenal growth  
11 increasing the need for workers in other industries that are not met by the  
12 local available labor force; and

13 Whereas, the State of Arizona relies on economic benefits from many  
14 other industries that are experiencing a labor shortage; and

15 Whereas, the State of Arizona has enacted the Arizona Temporary Worker  
16 Program, which becomes effective on federal authorization; and

17 Whereas, under the Arizona Temporary Worker Program, on request and  
18 application by an employer, the State of Arizona will issue Arizona temporary  
19 worker cards to sponsored foreign workers, after background checks, that will  
20 be authorized for two years. The program will require employers to report  
21 employees who do not show up for work, and the applicable employee cards will  
22 be canceled, with notification to law enforcement. Employers will be  
23 required to comply with all employee-related state and federal laws; and

24 Whereas, the State of Arizona does not intend the Arizona Temporary  
25 Worker Program to be a path to United States citizenship for foreign workers  
26 or require the Congress of the United States to increase the current federal  
27 government visa allocation numbers; and

28 Whereas, the State of Arizona intends that public benefits are limited  
29 to United States citizens pursuant to the Illegal Immigration Reform and  
30 Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (P.L. 104-208, Division C; 110 Stat.  
31 3009-546).

32 Wherefore your memorialist, the Senate of the State of Arizona, the House of  
33 Representatives concurring, prays:

34 1. That the federal government authorize the State of Arizona to  
35 implement the Arizona Temporary Worker Program.

36 2. That the Congress of the United States does not interpret this  
37 concurrent memorial as a request to create a path of United States  
38 citizenship for foreign workers.

39 3. That the Congress of the United States does not increase the  
40 current federal government visa allocation numbers when enacting federal  
41 legislation that authorizes the State of Arizona to implement the Arizona  
42 Temporary Worker Program.

43 4. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit copies  
44 of this Memorial to the President of the United States, the President of the  
45 United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of  
46 Representatives and each Member of Congress from the State of Arizona.